

RESOLUTION 108
A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING
MELANIE ADAMS-SWEARENGEN

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Louis and the broader community lost a valued friend and generous mentor and leader on Tuesday, August 2, 2017, with the death of Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen was a tireless encourager of people and seeing the dignity, humanity, of all people; she inspired countless people to be the best person they could be; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen received her MBA from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, and returned home to St. Louis to earn her JD from the St. Louis University School of Law. Melanie's legal career was supported and developed by her years working with her friends and colleagues at the Sievers & Associates law firm of Clayton, and recently became an associate with the Edwardsville, Illinois office of the Napoli Shkolnik law firm of New York; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen dedicated her time, energy, and incomparable social and event-planning skills to her volunteer work with several groups, including as a board member with United Cerebral Palsy Heartland and the Downtown Children's Center and as a member of Antioch Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen was an enthusiastic supporter of anyone that needed encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, and much loved by her Wolf Pack, family, friends, co-workers, and anyone that had the privilege to spend any extended amount of time with her; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen true legacy lies in the profound effect she had as the Ultimate Cheerleader, and the countless men and women, boys and girls she inspired and encouraged throughout her life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that we pause in our deliberations with the 7th Ward of the City of St. Louis, on behalf of its residents to recognize the significant contributions of Melanie Rachel Adams-Swearengen over the course of her life and mourn her death; and extend our sincerest condolences to her friends and family, especially her beloved husband, Shaun Swearengen and we further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of August, 2017, by:

The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of August, 2017, as attested by:

Board of Aldermen
Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen